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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2002 (paper no. 4), issued in connection with the above-captioned patent application. Reconsideration of the Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Kindly amend the application as follows, without prejudice:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 9, 16, and 17 to read as follows:

9. (Once amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for maintaining version of project data, the project data having at least one project data attribute, said computer-executable instructions performing a method comprising:

receiving an updated value for the project data attribute;

saving a previous version of the project data, wherein the previous version contains a value of the at least one project data attribute prior to the update; and

creating a current version of the project data, wherein the current version of the project data contains the updated value.